

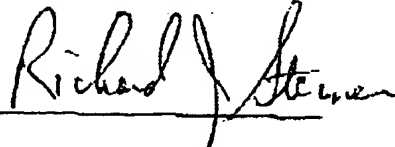
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time extending the time for response from October 30, 2003 up to and including December 30, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required \$420 extension fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1703. Any additional fees which may be due for any reason in connection with this Petition may likewise be charged.

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Dated: December 22, 2003

Respectfully submitted,



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